

J.M.J.

Rensselaer, Indiana

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My Dear Mr. Lusk:

There is an Indian boy here, Ingatius Courts by name, a pupil of our school from Devil's Lake Agency, Dakota, who is becoming seriously sick. It is feared the sickness will prove fatal. It is the wish of himself and his friends that he should be returned to his home. Will you kindly obtain written permission from the Hon. Com. Of Indian Affairs, for me to send him back to Devil's Lake Agency. It should be attended to at once, as each day makes a difference.

I fear that you will have difficulty in straightening out the accounts for travelling expenses for our boys coming here.

Father Stephan told me to take a receipt and the sub-vouchers from everyone who brought boys. I therefore thought that all these accounts were to be made out in my name. I would collect them all, get sub-vouchers and receipts from all, and make out one voucher to Government for the whole bill with the various sub-vouchers attached. But I soon saw that only a small part was brought to me, and after I had taken receipts from Father Malo, no others came. Now I see no other way than for everything to be made out in Father Stephan's name, and each one send all his sub-vouchers and a receipt that he received; it all from Father Stephan. You can fix it all out and send what papers are required to each one to sign.

Father Stephan is somewhere in the state of New York now, and will no doubt soon be in Washington. With best regards to Mrs. Lusk.

I remain yours truly in Xto,

George L. Willard